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RESOLUTION NO. 34-22

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(By Request – Mayor)

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE UKRAINIAN
COMMUNITY IN PARMA AND RESIDENTS OF
UKRAINE STANDING IN SOLIDARITY, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the people of Ukraine gained their independence from Soviet Russia in 1991, have built a democratic and pluralistic society, which allows for freedom of religion, speech and fosters the growth of their rich culture allowing them to take their rightful place on the world stage; and

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2022, Russian forces under the direction of Vladimir Putin launched an invasion of Ukraine the likes of which we have not seen since World War II, killing thousands, and creating a crisis of a global scale, forcing hundreds of thousands of civilians to flee, and blatantly violating international law; and

WHEREAS, The United States has condemned this “unprovoked and unjustified” attack, and reassured that it supports all actions taken by the Ukrainian military and all those involved in defending Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, Parma, Ohio is home to more than 8,000 Ukrainian Americans who bring with them their identity, work ethic and strengthen our diverse community, and many have come to Parma as immigrants; they have been welcomed with open arms to our City despite leaving the persecution in the Soviet Union, and all the while have added to our economy, public service and helped our city flourish into the wonderful City that it is.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That the Mayor and this Council, on behalf of all the residents of Parma, do hereby stand in solidarity with our Ukrainian Community and the brave citizens of Ukraine who are facing their “darkest hour” against the onslaught of the brutal armies of Russia.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to forward a true and accurate copy of this Resolution to Oksana Markarova the Ukrainian Ambassador to the United States.

Section 3. We recognize all those who are fighting for freedom and democracy in Ukraine and all of the casualties and sacrifices that are being made by those in Ukraine; we hold dear in our hearts the families that have taken up arms for this just cause and stand with Ukraine while an atrocity is being committed on its homeland

Section 4. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 5. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary due to the ongoing unrest in our Ukraine Community and the citizens of Ukraine, and this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____ PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

FILED WITH
THE MAYOR: _____ MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO